

Foundations of Faith Teaching Series

Questions for Discussion

October 25 We Form One Body

[3] For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. [4] For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, [5] so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. [6] We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; [7] if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; [8] if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.
Romans 12:3 – 8

Warm Up

Recap main points from last week (Romans 12:1 – 2) and ask how people got on with the specific things they said they would do.

1 What qualities do you admire the most in other people and what annoys you the most?

Unpacking the Passage

2 Some of us tend to think of ourselves more highly than we ought, others the opposite. What are the problems with both positions? What does it mean to have sober judgment? What does true humility look like?

3 Why is pride a problem? How does it manifest itself in church life?

4 How does the image of a human body help us understand a church community? Which part might you be?

5 What do you think it means when it says that each member belongs to all the others? How should that influence how we view our church fellowship?

6 We all have different gifts given by God. Paul lists a few in verses 6 to 8. What does this list suggest about the variety of ways we can serve God? How can we as a church or small group encourage every person to use their gifts well?

7 As we think about our church what gifts do we see being exercised and we can thank God for? Are there some areas where we need to be praying for God to give us gifted people?

Getting Practical

7 What do you see as your gifts? Are there ways you can develop your gifts? Where can you make your contribution? *As each share I suggest others affirm what is said so each one's gifts are acknowledged. No false humility!*

And finally… What are 1 or 2 key things you will take away from this discussion? What has God spoken to you about?